

AGENDA
Friday, August 24, 2012
Capitol Extension, E1.028
9:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order

II. Committee Business

III. Opening Remarks

IV. Interim Charge #6: *Study the impact of school choice programs in other states on students, parents, and teachers. Explore the use of education tax credits and taxpayer savings grants, and examine potential impacts on state funding.*

Panel 1: School Choice Overview

- Dr. Matthew Ladner, Senior Advisor for Policy and Research, Foundation for Excellence in Education
- Andrew Erben, President and COO, Texas Institute for Education Reform
- Matthew Barnes, Executive Director, Families Empowered

Panel 2: Education Tax Credits/Taxpayer Savings Grants

- Robert C. Enlow, President and CEO, The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice
- Joseph Bast, President and CEO, The Heartland Institute

V. Interim Charge #5: *Study the performance and accountability of charter schools, best practices of high-performing charter schools, and barriers to replication. Review policies and practices for authorizing high-quality charters and closing poor-performing charters. Study the benefits of and costs related to increasing the number of charters, as well as establishing additional authorization boards to grant new charters.*

Panel 1: Overview of Charter Schools

- David Dunn, Executive Director, Texas Charter Schools Association
- Dr. Lisa Grover, Senior Director, State Advocacy, National Alliance for Public Charter Schools
- Greg Richmond, President and CEO, National Association of Charter School Authorizers

Panel 2: Policies and Authorization Boards

- Mike Feinberg, Co-Founder, KIPP Houston Public Schools and KIPP Foundation
- Chuck Cook, CEO, Responsive Education Solutions
- Dr. David Anthony, CEO, Raise Your Hand Texas

Panel 3: Best Practices

- Tom Torkelson, Founder and CEO, IDEA Public Schools
- Dr. Duncan Klusmann, Superintendent, Spring Branch ISD
- Dr. Bob Sanborn, President and CEO, Children at Risk

VI. Public Testimony

VII. Recess